



October 8, 2019

30th Street Corridor Improvements

REMINDER

Public Meeting October 9

The planned widening of 30th Street, between Mesa Road and Fontanero Street, along with construction of a roundabout at Gateway Road, is currently at a preliminary design level. Following final design this winter, construction of the widening project is anticipated to begin in 2020 and be completed by 2021.

You are invited to learn more about the project, view preliminary plans, provide input and ask questions at an upcoming 30th Street Corridor Public Meeting:



- 5:30 – 7 p.m., Wed., Oct 9
- Howbert Elementary School Gym, 1023 N. 31st Street, Colorado Springs, 80904

Arriving to the meeting:

By Car: Parking is available in front of and on the side of Howbert Elementary School, as well as along N. 31st Street.

By Bike: [Colorado Springs Bike Map](#)

Accessibility: For ADA-specific accommodations to participate in either meeting, call (719) 488-5908 at least 48 hours in advance.

Note: as this meeting falls over the observance of Yom Kippur, the project team will meet individually with anyone who observes this Holiday and is interested in more information about the project. Call Robin Allen to schedule at (719) 385-5407.

Highly Traveled 30th Street Access to Garden of the Gods Park will Operate Better and be Safer

The highly traveled 30th Street in Colorado Springs runs along what has been touted as one of the most highly visited parks in the nation, Garden of the Gods Park. Visits to the park have increased over the past few years and are anticipated to continue to increase as locals and visitors alike are attracted to the natural beauty of the park.

With the increased use of the park and 30th Street, the City of Colorado Springs has identified the need for several stormwater, intersection and safety improvements along three miles of 30th Street between Fontanero Street and Mesa Road.



Transportation-related deficiencies within the 30th Street Corridor include a lack of roadway shoulders and drainage facilities; aging street pavement with adjacent hillside erosion and slope destabilization; and a lack of multi-use roadway facilities.

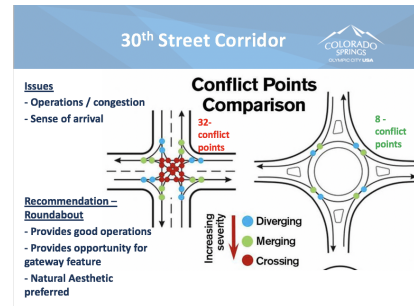
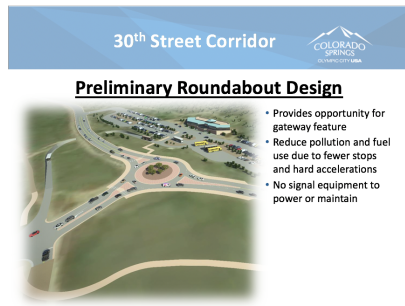
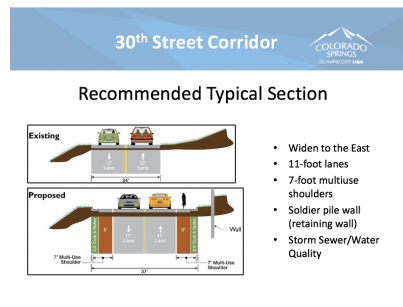
There are also safety and mobility deficiencies at corridor intersections, and inadequate access for emergency vehicles and evacuation. The corridor is one of only five designated wildfire evacuation routes for the northwest area of Colorado Springs.

Elements of the Proposed Action include repaving 30th Street, widening with multi-use shoulders, intersection improvements, retaining walls, and a drainage and water quality system. The proposed multi-use shoulders would provide a safe place for bicyclists to ride outside the flow of traffic and would also accommodate occasional vehicle breakdowns.

Design of the project is funded with Public Works Capital Dollars. Surface Transportation Program Funds will provide construction funding.

For more information about the 30th Street Corridor Development project visit the project website: www.coloradosprings.gov/30thstreet

Proposed Design Recommendations for the 30th Street Corridor



Cooperation is Key for Multiple Projects along the 30th Street Corridor

The 30th Street Corridor project team is working in collaboration with a number of other projects underway in the general area. Those include:

- City 2C paving program
- Utility work by Colorado Springs Utilities in advance of 2C paving on nearby roadways
- Camp Creek project
- Water quality detention facility in northeastern corner of Garden of the Gods Park
- Manitou Springs Urban Renewal Authority, Beckers Lane Bridge project

The project teams hosted a combined Informational Open House Sept. 18 at the Colorado Springs Utilities Conservation and Environmental Center with approximately 140 people attending. Project representatives provided the public a one-stop shop to learn about the work underway and planned for the area.



The October 9 public meeting is an opportunity to learn more detailed information specifically about the 30th Street Corridor Development project, currently at the preliminary design level, ask questions, and provide input.

For more information on the project: <https://coloradosprings.gov/30thstreet>



Tour the 30th Street Corridor via Drone

Explore 30th Street via drone technology.
Courtesy of Ascent Geomatic Solutions.

What the Heck is that Large Hole in the Ground?

A 17-acre Garden of the Gods detention and sedimentation collection facility is under construction adjacent to 30th Street near the northern boundary of Garden of the Gods Park.

The facility is designed to hold a 500-year flood event and significantly reduce the 100-year floodplain limits along 31st Street. Anticipated completion of the facility in 2020 will significantly reduce the potential for flood damage and life safety hazards from flooding along the Camp Creek corridor downstream of the dam.



The detention pond is the initial large project of the multi-phase Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project, paving the way for downstream projects and reduction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulatory floodplain along Camp Creek. The finished facility will be sloped, graded and reseeded with natural plant materials.

30th Street is being designed separately from the Camp Creek project. For more information on the Camp Creek project: <https://coloradosprings.gov/campcreek>

Frequently Asked Questions

The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section found on the web site provides insight and gives current information about the project.

Q: What is the overall purpose for improving the 30th Street corridor?

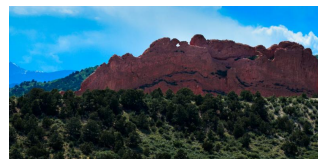
A: Safety. The 30th Street Corridor is in need of pavement resurfacing, new shoulders, slope stabilization and drainage improvements. 30th Street has also been identified as an Emergency Evacuation Corridor for Colorado Springs. The current roadway width is 24 feet wide, with no shoulders. Widening the road will allow drivers to pull over more easily in the event of a minor roadside emergency. Adding asphalt shoulders will also allow emergency vehicles like ambulances and fire trucks to pass other vehicles more safely on this two-lane road.

Q: What is the recommendation for the Gateway Road intersection?

A: A roundabout intersection has been identified as the recommended alternative to address intersection safety and traffic operations. A roundabout will most effectively meet the community values related to the park and for keeping a rural, unobstructed setting versus non-urban elements such as a traffic signal. A roundabout addresses all of the issues identified at this intersection – speeding traffic, congestion at Gateway Road, and the desire for a gateway feature.

[Read more.](#)

Sign up to receive future project information and notices of public meetings. Send an email to Carolyn@bachmanpr.com requesting to be added to the project database.



How to stay informed. To learn more about the 30th Street Corridor Development project, visit the project website: <https://coloradosprings.gov/30thStreet>

